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TO AMEMBASSY JAKARTA IMMEDIATE

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR ASHARI'S PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS

REF: JAKARTA 17103

1. REGRET WE UNABLE TO STATE WITH ASSURANCE WHEN ASHARI
WILL BE ABLE TO PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT. EXACT
TIMING WILL DEPEND UPON, AMONG OTHER FACTORS, ASHARI'S
ARRIVAL DATE, AVAILABILITY OF LETTERS OF CREDENCE AND
RECALL AND HIS PREPARED STATEMENT, PRESIDENT'S OWN
AVAILABILITY AND SCHEDULE, AND HOW MANY OTHER AMBASSADORS-
DESIGNATE MAY SIMILARLY BE WAITING FOR PRESENTATION
CEREMONY. CONGRESS EXPECTED RECONVENE JAN 17. BEGIN
FYI. WE FRANKLY VERY MUCH DOUBT THAT PROCEDURES COULD BE
COMPLETED BEFORE THEN, EVEN IF ASHARI DUE ARRIVE WASHINGTON
BEFORE THEN, GIVEN PRESIDENT'S EXPECTED ABSENCES FROM
WASHINGTON, INCLUDING OVERSEAS TRIP, BUT WILL DO ALL WE
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CAN. PRESENT ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES MINIMUM OF THREE
AMBASSADORS BEFORE SCHEDULING CEREMONY. THERE ARE PRE-
SENTLY TWO WHO HAVE ARRIVED AND ARE WAITING. END FYI.
DIPLOMATIC CORPS DOES NOT IN ANY EVENT CUSTOMARILY ATTEND
OPENING SESSION, WHICH LARGELY ADMINISTRATIVE, ALTHOUGH
CHIEFS OF MISSION ARE CUSTOMARILY INVITED TO HEAR STATE
OF UNION MESSAGE, WHICH LIKELY BE DELIVERED ON OR ABOUT

JAN 19.

2. IN RESPONSE QUESTIONS FROM INDONESIAN EMBASSY WASHINGTON, WE HAVE PROVIDED THEM WITH FULL WRITTEN INFORMATION ON PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS PROCEDURE. INFORMATION MAKES CLEAR THAT AT TIME AN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE PAYS CALL ON SECRETARY OR DEPUTY SECRETARY, HIS STATUS CHANGES TO THAT OF "APPOINTED AMBASSADOR". AS AN "APPOINTED AMBASSADOR", INCOMING CHIEF OF MISSION MAY CONDUCT ALL REGULAR BUSINESS WITH DEPT RPT DEPT AND MAY ATTEND OR GIVE DIPLOMATIC RECEPTIONS BUT BUSINESS WITH OTHER PARTS OF USG MUST STILL AWAIT PRESENTATION CEREMONY. IF ASHARI CAN ARRIVE IN SUFFICIENT TIME TO CALL ON SECRETARY WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY PRIOR TO STATE OF UNION MESSAGE SESSION, WE DO NOT SEE DIFFICULTY IN HIS BEING ABLE ATTEND AS "APPOINTED AMBASSADOR".

3. EMBASSY AUTHORIZED INFORM FONDEPT OF CONTENTS PARA 2 AND FIRST TWO SENTENCES PARA ONE, NOTING THAT DEPT AWARE OF AND GRATEFUL FOR GOI'S ARRANGING EXPEDITIOUS PRESENTATION CEREMONY FOR AMB MASTERS, WHICH DEEPLY APPRECIATED. WE WILL OF COURSE DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO EXPEDITE PROCEDURES HERE AFTER ASHARI ARRIVAL.

4. DEPT STRONGLY SUGGESTS ASHARI PROVIDE YOU WITH ADVANCE (AND FINAL RPT FINAL) COPY RPT COPY OF REMARKS TO PRESIDENT FOR TRANSMITTAL WASHINGTON. THIS WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HELP US IN DRAFTING PRESIDENT'S REPLY AND SPEEDING UP PRESENTATION PROCESS. REQUEST EMBASSY ADVISE SOONEST DATE ASHARI EXPECTS ARRIVE WASHINGTON. VANCE

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